GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, now retired – Allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe – Trapped by ACB on 09.07.2014 – Placed under suspension – Reinstated into service – Prosecuted & acquitted u/s 284(1) Cr.P.C. – Retired on 30.06.2025 – Regularization of suspension period from 10.07.2014 to 03.01.2016 as "On Duty" under FR 54 B for all purposes – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 860 **Dated: 03-11-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Lr.Rc.No.162/RCT-TCD/2014, S7, dated 08.12.2014 of DG, ACB.
2. Proceedings/Vig.2/RWS&S/473/2014, dated 26.07.2014 of CE (Admn.), RWS&S, Hyderabad.
3. G.O.Ms.No.33, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 25.03.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1155, PR&RD (VIG.II) Dept., dated 21.12.2015.
5. From the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool, Orders, dated 06.01.2017 in C.C.No.15/2015.
6. Lr.Rc.No.162/RCT-TCD/2014, S7, dated 10.02.2017 of DG., ACB.
7. Govt. Memo No.11492/Vig.VI/2014–6, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept., dated 09.08.2017.
8. Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then DEE, RWS&S, now retired, Representation, dated 26.10.2024.
9. Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then DEE, RWS&S, now retired, Representation, dated 08.03.2025.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, has stated that there is sufficient oral, documentary and circumstantial evidence available on record to prove beyond reasonable doubts that the Accused Officer demanded and accepted Rs.5,000/- as bribe from the complainant for doing an official favour to conduct check measurement for the extension of pipeline work done by the complainant and to forward the work bill to the concerned MPDO and recommended that the Accused Officer may be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the offenses punishable under Section 7, 13(2), r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and also has requested that sanction order may be issued for prosecution of the Accused Officer in the Court of Law.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Accused Officer was placed under deemed suspension from the date of his detention i.e., from 10.07.2014 vide Proceedings, dated 26.07.2014 issued by the Chief Engineer (Admn.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Hyderabad.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, (Act of 49 of 1988) sanction for prosecution of Sri Anna Ranga

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Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply &Sanitation Sub Division, now retired, has been accorded sanction of prosecution for the offenses punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act of 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offenses punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the afore said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offenses by a court of competent jurisdiction.

4. In the reference 4th read above, Sri Anna Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, now retired, has been reinstated into service without prejudice to the criminal/disciplinary proceedings pending against him.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Special Judge for Trial of SPE and ACB cases, Kurnool has pronounced judgment on 06.01.2017 that the prosecution has failed to prove it's case beyond reasonable doubt against the Accused Officer, Sri Anna Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, now retired . In the result the Accused Officer is not found guilty for the offenses punishable u/s 7 and 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of PC Act and is acquitted u/s 284(1) Cr.P.C.

6. In the reference 6th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, has informed that the Bureau is of the opinion that it is a fit case to file an appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. against the acquittal judgement in C.C.No.15/2015 on the file of the Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool and requested to issue necessary orders permitting Standing Counsel of the Bureau, High Court of A.P., to file an appeal in the Hon'ble High Court against the orders of Trial Court.

7. In the reference 7th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has been permitted the Bureau to file an appeal in the High Court against the acquittal orders of Special Judge for Trial of SPE and ACB Cases, Kurnool in respect of prosecution of Sri Anna Ranga Prasada Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, now retired, who was trapped by Anti Corruption Bureau while accepting bribe. Accordingly, the Criminal Appeal No.1384/2017 has been filed against the acquittal orders of Anti Corruption Bureau 's Trail Court in CC No.15/2015 on the allegations and the same is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of AP.

8. In the reference 8th & 9th read above, Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, now retired, has represented for regularization of his suspension period from 10.07.2014 to 03.01.2016 as "on duty" and releasing his pensionary benefits, who was retired from service on the AN of 30.06.2025 and while pending criminal appeal in Hon'ble High Court of AP.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to regularize the suspension period from 10.07.2014 to 03.01.2016 of Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, who retired on 30.06.2025, as "ON DUTY" as per FR 54 B and release his pensionary benefits, who was retired from service on the AN of 30.06.2025.

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10. Government, therefore, hereby order to regularize the suspension period from 10.07.2014 to 03.01.2016 o f Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, who retired on 30.06.2025 as "ON DUTY" as per FR 54 B and release his pensionary benefits, who was retired from service on the AN of 30.06.2025.

11. The Engineer–in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, AP, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A.Ranga Prasad Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, now retired, through the Engineer–in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer–in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, APVC, Velagapudi.
The Director of Treasuries, Vijayawada.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR&RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to the Prl.Secy to Government, PR&RD Department.
The Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Srikakulam District.
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SECTION OFFICER